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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Each item of information listed in the attached FORM PTO-1449 was previously submitted in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/254,698, filed on September 24, 2002, and entitled "Subband Acoustic Feedback Cancellation in Hearing Aids", the application from which this continuing application claims priority, and may be material to the examination of the above-identified application and is, therefore, submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The Examiner is requested to make these items of official record in this application.

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